

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 17 and 19-25 are cancelled. Claim 5 has been cancelled in a previous amendment. Claims 9-16 and 18 are pending in the present application.

Initially, Applicants acknowledge and thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 9-16 and 18 are allowable.

In response to the Final Office Action, Applicants have cancelled rejected claims 1-4, 6-8, 17 and 19-25. Only allowable claims 9-16 and 18 remain in the present application. Accordingly, the present application is in a condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

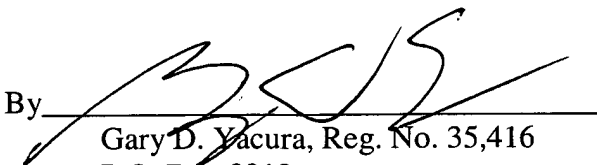
In view of the above amendments and remarks allowance of claims 9-16 and 18 is respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, Applicant requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (703) 668-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss this application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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